



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### APRIL BOARD NOTES

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#### ***12 KENTUCKY SCHOOLS NAMED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE NATIONAL MATH AND SCIENCE INITIATIVE (NMSI)***

At the April Kentucky Board of Education meeting, the NMSI announced that 12 high schools located across the state have been selected to implement a proven model for increasing participation in their math, science and English Advanced Placement Programs and improving the scores on their AP exams. This first set of schools was selected based on their readiness and interest in replicating the elements from the Teacher Training and Incentive Program adopted by NMSI via funding by the ExxonMobil Foundation. The schools are:

- Anderson County High School
- Barren County High School
- Corbin Independent High School
- Henderson County High School
- Lone Oak High School
- Marion County High School
- North Laurel High School
- Reidland High School
- Scott County High School
- Shelby County High School
- South Laurel High School
- Warren East High School

Known as the AdvanceKentucky initiative, this new program will provide “extensive training for teachers, identification and cultivation of lead teachers, additional time-on-



task for students for tutoring, exam preparation and financial incentives based on academic achievement”. The objective is for these 12 schools to increase the number of scores on their AP exams that reflect college readiness to enable students to earn college credit while still in high school. Scores of three, four or five on a scale of one to five on AP exams qualify for college credit. For this first set of Kentucky schools, “qualifying scores are projected to grow by 120 percent from a 2007 baseline of 320 to more than 700 by 2009, with a total five-year increase of 230 percent (or nearly 1,100 qualifying scores)”. Besides increasing the number of students in their current AP courses over the next five years, these schools are expected to more than double their AP offerings in math, science and English to 117 offerings from the current 56.

NMSI plans to add more schools to the AdvanceKentucky initiative each year and increase the level of funding for the program.

For more information on the AdvanceKentucky initiative, contact Joanne Lang, Executive Director of AdvanceKentucky at 859-233-3502 or via email at [jl原因@kstc.com](mailto:jl原因@kstc.com).

### ***BOARD DISCUSSES THE NEED FOR POLICY CHANGES RELATIVE TO LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS***

Commissioner Jon Draud asked state board members to consider whether they would favor his bringing forward a set of policy changes in the future relative to academic improvement in chronically, low-performing schools. Dr. Draud indicated that recommendations would soon be coming forward from his Blue Ribbon Panel on Low-Performing Schools that could help to shape a package of changes, including possible legislative proposals.

When asked for their ideas on areas to explore for bringing about improvements, state board members mentioned school leadership, embedded professional development, translation of successful practices from high-performing to low-performing schools, partnerships, and local board responsibility. A unanimous consensus existed among Board members that they would be receptive to the commissioner moving forward with putting together a package of recommendations for consideration in the near future.

### ***BOARD HEARS UPDATE ON THE MINORITY SUPERINTENDENT INTERNSHIP PROGRAM***

As part of its April meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education heard from Ms. Demetria Choice, who is completing her year as a Minority Superintendent Intern with Superintendent Tim Hanner as her mentor in the Kenton County School District. A rigorous learning opportunity has occurred for Ms. Choice that began with an individual professional growth plan jointly crafted by the two of them. She also participated in the New Superintendent Training Modules, visited with other local districts and attended national conferences. Ms. Choice submitted quarterly reports outlining her learning experience and was an active participant in the Superintendent CEO Network. She is currently interviewing for superintendent positions and hopes to secure one for the upcoming school year.

The Minority Superintendent Internship Program is a one-year leadership development program for minorities who wish to pursue a position as a Kentucky school superintendent. This non-traditional leadership development program responds to the appreciation that a minority school superintendent may be faced with unique and complex problems as an educational leader. Further, this program recognizes the necessity for a pool of diverse individuals prepared to successfully meet the academic and fiscal challenges of accountability in our schools.

***A new application window for the program is open from March 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 18th.*** The Kentucky Department of Education's goal is to identify approximately three interns to participate in the program. Additionally, the Department hopes to establish a pipeline development initiative designed to ensure highly qualified candidates are recruited each year.

For more information on this program, contact Michael Dailey at 502-564-1479 or via email at [Michael.Dailey@education.ky.gov](mailto:Michael.Dailey@education.ky.gov).

#### ***2008-09 RATES FOR PRESCHOOL FUNDING SET***

Each spring, the Kentucky Board of Education establishes the per-child rates for the Kentucky Preschool Program for the upcoming school year based on the budget approved by the legislature. The General Assembly chose to keep the amount allocated for preschool the same; however, based on the December 1, 2007 count, there will be an increase in the number of children and therefore the rates will decline. Thus, the Board approved the following rates for 2008-09:

##### Per-Child Rates

At-Risk Only	\$3,140
Speech/Language	\$3,297
Mild/Developmental Delays	\$4,396
Severe/Multiple Disabilities	\$5,966

For more information on the preschool funding rates, contact Annette Bridges at 502-564-8341 or via email at [Annette.Bridges@education.ky.gov](mailto:Annette.Bridges@education.ky.gov).

#### ***OTHER ITEMS APPROVED AT THE APRIL 2-3, 2008, MEETING WERE:***

- District facility plans for Boone, Laurel and Oldham County School Districts
- District facility plan amendments for Anderson and Shelby County School Districts
- Appointment of Donna R. Lovell, Cheryl W. Smith, Dr. Deneia Thomas and Barbara M. Waltrip to the State Textbook Commission
- ***Rejection*** of a motion to add language to KHSAA Bylaw 33 on not penalizing a student or school for following a court order
- Adoption of proposed order of dismissal as settled based on agreement in the Ray Finke case

- Statement of Consideration for 702 KAR 7:065, Designation of agent to manage high school interscholastic athletics
- Whitley County Board of Education waiver request of KRS 157.350(2) for the approval of the equivalent of 21 instructional days with no financial penalty
- 702 KAR 1:001, Implementation guidelines – Kentucky School Facilities Planning Manual (Final)
- Minutes from the February 6-7, 2008, KBE meeting

***OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED AT THE APRIL MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:***

- KDE Employment Report
- Presentation by the 2008 Kentucky Teacher of the Year, Chandra Emerson
- End-of-Course Assessment Pilot
- Minority Applicants for Certified Vacancies in Kentucky School Districts 2006-07
- Reports from the Christian County and Jefferson County School Districts on the status of school support plans
- Presentation by the Collaborative Center for Literacy Development on the Adolescent Literacy Coaching Project and an update on the Kentucky Adolescent Literacy Plan
- Update on Wallace Grant Work: Kentucky Cohesive Leadership System grant
- Presentation from the Kentucky Council on Economic Education
- 2008 elementary and secondary education legislation and budget

***MEETING DATES FOR 2008 AND 2009***

KBE Meeting Dates 2008

<u>2008</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 13-14, 2008	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 11-12, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
July 9, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 6-7, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 10, 2008	Regular meeting	Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin

<u>2008 (Cont'd)</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 1-2, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 5, 2008	Regular meeting	Rough River State Park, Falls of Rough
December 10-11, 2008	Regular meeting	Frankfort

#### KBE Meeting Dates 2009

<u>2009</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
January 14, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
February 4-5, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 4, 2009	Regular meeting	Jenny Wiley State Park, Prestonsburg
April 1-2, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 12-13, 2009	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Available hotel, Lexington
June 10-11, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
July 8, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 5-6, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 9, 2009	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Owensboro
October 7-8, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort
November 5, 2009	Regular meeting	General Butler State Park, Carrollton
December 9-10, 2009	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For questions on the Kentucky Board of Education's meeting schedule, contact Mary Ann Miller at (502) 564-3141 or via email at [MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov](mailto:MaryAnn.Miller@education.ky.gov).

*The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the April 2-3, 2008, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

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